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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, please consider the following preliminary amendment.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 23-35

Add new claims:

1 -- 36. ~~An apparatus for delivering thermal energy through an exterior skin surface to an underlying tissue site including lopulations of fat with fibrous septae made of collagen tissue, comprising:~~
2 ~~to create a desired contour effect without substantially modifying melanocytes in the~~
3 ~~epidermis, comprising:~~
4 ~~thermal delivery means including an interface surface configured to conform to the~~